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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services - Departmental Proceedings against Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District under the provisions of Rule 20 of AP Civil Services(CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge - Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.854 **Date : 01/12/2023**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada, Surprise Check Report in Lr. Rc.No.110/DES-VK1/2020-S.9, dt:29.03.2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No.855,PR&RD(Vig.VI) Dept, dt: 01-12-2023.

Order :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Memorandum a written statement of his defence.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

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6. Attention of Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works) O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GVERNMENT

To
Sri CH. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District through the Engineer-in- Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same for record)
The Engineer-in- Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada

Copy to
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, Velagapudi.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH. PADMARAJU, DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER (WORKS) O/o EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS & S DIVISION, GUDIVADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Sri **Ch. Padma Raju S/o William** (hereinafter referred as Government Servant (GS)) worked as **Divisional Accounts Officer** in the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada from July 2019 to 08.09.2020, while working as Divisional Accounts Officer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

The Government Servant **failed to "supervise his staff"** resulting in improper maintenance of office records.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Ch. Padma Raju, the then Divisional Accounts officer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated/ contravened Rule 3 (1), 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI CH. PADMARAJU, DIVISIONAL ACCOUNTS OFFICER (WORKS) O/o EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS & S DIVISION, GUDIVADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That **Sri Ch. Padma Raju S/o William** (hereinafter referred as Government Servant (GS)) worked as Divisional Accounts Officer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada from 18.07.2019 to 08.09.2020. His date of birth is 26-06-1977. He entered into Government service on 31-08-1998 as Assistant Executive Engineer at the Block Development Office, Panchayath Samithi, Boath, Telangana.

CHARGE:

The Government Servant **failed to "supervise his staff"** resulting in improper maintenance of office records.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

On receipt of credible information that certain Government Servants of Andhra Pradesh paid huge amounts to the fake ACB officials which is the subject matter of Cr.No. 32/2020 u/s 506, 384 r/w 511 IPC of Anantapur III Town Police Station, Anantapur District and Cr. No. 457/2020 u/s 170, 384 r/w 511 IPC of Kurnool II Town Police Station, Kurnool District and also that the officials of the O/o Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Gudivada Division, Gudivada, Krishna District are indulging in corrupt practices, a surprise check was conducted on 08.09.2020 from 10.45 hrs, to 22.30 hrs, the DSPs, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada, their staff along with the two official mediators, namely, 1) Sri Boyina Krishna Mohan S/o Gangadhara Rao, 40 Yrs, Assistant Audit Officer (State Audit), NTR Health University, Vijayawada, 2) Sri Arekapudi Sreenivas Babu S/o Sree Ramachandra Rao, 55 Yrs, Senior Auditor, O/o Asst. Audit Officer, State Audit, Vijayawada, conducted a Surprise Check on 08.09.2020 at the office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWSS) Department, Gudivada Division, Gudivada.

The following are the staff details who were present at the time of the Surprise Check.

1. Sri Karna Venkateswara Rao, S/o Subrahmanyam, 59 Yrs, Executive Engineer, O/o RWS & S, Gudivada Division.
2. Sri Potharlanka Ramakrishna, S/o Koteswara Rao, 43 Yrs, Senior Asst., Establishment & Works, O/o EE, Gudivada Division.
3. Smt. Vutchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, 56 Yrs, Junior Asst., Dispatch, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Division.
4. Sri Ulisi Manikantha S/o Katamraju, 28 Yrs, Attender (Out sourcing), O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
5. Sri Kancherla Srihari Babu, S/o Sanjeevarao, 43 Yrs, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada,
6. Smt. Thalla Varalakshmi, W/o D.Srinivasarao, 50 Yrs, Asst. Technical Officer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada. Ph: 9248393358.
7. Smt. Nandamuri Srividhya, W/o V.Harikrishna Prasad, 42 Yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Ph: 9949873137.
8. Smt. Choppala Anuradha, W/o Y.Sasibhushan, 50 Yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, Ph: 6300188283.

9. Sri Ayyanki Srinivasarao, S/o Nageswara Rao, 57 Yrs, Technical Officer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
10. Smt. Battula Veera Venkata Naga Achala Kumari W/o Katamraju, 57 Yrs, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
11. Sri Kona Veera Naga Sivaji, S/o Guravaiah, 52 Yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudlavalleru Section, Ph: 9100121321.
12. Sri Chitturi Sridhar, S/o Sambasivarao, 36 Yrs, Technical Assistant, O/o O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
13. Sri Kandhimalla Seshu, S/o Satyanarayana, 28 Yrs, Data Entry Operator (Outsourcing), O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
14. Smt. Cherukuri Udaya Lakshmi, W/o Paladugu Bala Prasad, 53 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
15. Sri Borra Ajay Sai S/o Mattaiah, 21 Yrs, Field Asst. O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
16. Sri Pedasangati Keerthi Kamal, S/o Nancharaiah, 32 Yrs, Micro Biologist, (Outsourcing) O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
17. Smt. Borra Pavani W/o Ravikumar, 29 Yrs, Helper, IWQM (Internal Water Quality Monitory) Lab, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.

In addition to the above staff, it is identified that some persons also present in the office premises and the details of them are as follows.

1. Sri Mohammad Abuja, S/o Abdul Rajak, 59 Yrs, Owner cum Driver of car bearing No. AP16 TP 2850 of EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
2. Sri Ulisi Perraju S/o Rangarao, 45 Yrs, Civil Contractor, RWS & PR, D.No.1-16-1, Gopavaram, Kaikalur Mandal, Ph: 9502998666.
3. Sri Anagani Krishna Subbarao, S/o Byragi, 56 Yrs, Civil Contractor, RWS & PR, R/o D.No.1-58, Vadali, Mudinepalli (M), Ph: 8885899963.
4. Sri Koganti Venkata Srirama Prasad S/o Mutyalu, 60 Yrs, Retd, Sr. Asst., O/o EE, RWS & S, Bandar,
5. Sri Suraboina Ravi S/o Rajasekhar, 43 Yrs, now Sudhakar Infra Structure Pvt. Ltd, Machilipatnam
6. Sri Korrakoti Prabhakar S/o Peda Kotaiah, 42 Yrs, Sudhakar Infra Structure Pvt. Ltd, Machilipatnam

In the meantime, between 10.45 hrs, and 11.45 hrs, some of the persons entered the premises and stated that they are the staff of the O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, the details are as follows;

1. Sri **Chilakala Padmaraju, S/o William, 43 Yrs, Divisional Accounts Officer**, Works & Establishments, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
2. Smt. Kambampati Kanaka Durga, D/o late Ramakoti, 40 Yrs, Jr. Asst., near Modern Market, SRR College, Machavaram, Vijayawada, Ph: 9640934643.
3. Sri Maganti Satyanarayana, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, 48 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada,.
4. Sri Jonnalagadda Punnarao, S/o Bhaskhararao, 54 Yrs, Record Asst., O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.

During the Surprise check, the Inspector, ACB randomly verified the below-noted records and asked the Divisional Accounts Officer about by whom the registers are being maintained, the details are as follows;

RECORDS:

1. **Personal Cash Register**: When questioned **Divisional Accounts Officer cum Manager about not maintenance of the Personal Cash Register, he kept silent.**
2. **Attendance Register:** When questioned about the improper maintenance of the Attendance Register, the Divisional Accounts Officer stated that the Senior Assistant Sri P.Ramakrishna is responsible for the irregularity. The Inspector ACB seized the original Attendance Register for further enquiry in the presence of mediators.
3. **Increment Register:** Not maintained properly and it is the responsibility of Sri P.Ramakrishna, Senior Assistant. The Inspector, ACB, seized the Photostat copies of the same.
4. **Court Attachment Recovery Register:** Not maintained. As there are no court attachment recoveries, they are not maintaining the register.
5. **Court Case Register:** Not maintained. As no court cases are pending, they are not maintaining the register.
6. **Technical Sanction Register:** Not properly maintained. It is being maintained by Technical Officer Sri A.Srinivasarao. The Inspector, ACB seized the Photostat copies of the same.
7. **Agreement Register:** Not maintained properly. It is being maintained by Technical Officer Sri A.Srinivasarao. The Inspector, ACB seized the Photostat copies of the same.
8. **Tender Register:** Not maintained properly. It is being maintained by Technical Officer Sri A.Srinivasarao. The Inspector, ACB seized the Photostat copies of the same.
9. **Works, Assets Register:** Completely not maintained.
10. **M-Book Issue Register:** Not maintained properly i.e. the staff are not mentioning the Sl.Nos. of M-Books which they have issued to various Sub-Divisions. It is being maintained by B-2 Jr. Asst. K.Kanaka Durga.
11. **Works Administrative Sanction Register:** Not maintained properly by the Senior Asst. Sri Ambati Krishna Chaitanya.
12. **Check Measurement Register:** Completely not maintained by Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Division.
13. **Annual Inspections:**

    a. The EE did not conduct the Annual Inspections in all Sub-Divisions for the year 2019-2020.
    b. The SE also did not conduct the Annual Inspection over the office of EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Division for the year 2019-2020.

Then the Inspector, ACB, secured the presence of Sri Ch. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer, and examined him in the presence of mediators and recorded his details which run as follows;

Sri Ch.Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts Officer: On examination, he stated that since July 2019 he is working as a Divisional Accounts Officer in the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Department, Gudivada. **He is supervising the work of office establishment and works accounts duties along with office managerial duties.** On this day i.e, on 08.09.2020, at about 11.45 hrs, he came to his office and when he came to his office he noticed that the ACB Officials, Vijayawada are conducting the Surprise Check, etc, facts.

During the enquiry, the DSP, ACB examined the following witnesses and recorded their Statements.

1) **Sri Uchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, Age 55 yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, R/o 1-112/21, 1st Floor, Suvarna Enclave, Indane Gas Street, Gudivada Town.**

On examination, she stated that she has been working as a Junior Assistant in the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division since the year 2016. As a Junior Assistant, he is maintaining the Outward Register, Work Estimation Register, Local Tappals Register, Regd. Posts etc., she further stated that on 08.09.2020, as usual, she came to the office in the morning while she was working in her seat, at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials came to the Executive Engineers' office and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division. Then Sri K. Venkateswara Rao stated about his receiving fake phone calls that occurred during the Surprise Check Proceedings etc facts.

2) **Sri Maganti Satyanarayana Rao, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, Age 50 Yrs, Typist, O/o CEO, Zilla Parishad, Krishna District, previously worked in the O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o Sumalatha Mansion, behind Eenadu Office, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9441364976.**

On examination, he stated that presently he is working as a Typist in the O/o CEO, Zilla Parishat, Krishna District, previously he worked as a Typist in the O/o RWS & S Gudivada Division from 1.10.2016 to 01.07.2022. He had done the work of uploading and downloading on the website. He is maintaining an E-mail book register in Gudivada RWS & S office. **On 08.09.2020 at about 11.00 hrs, he came to the office and noticed that the ACB officials of Vijayawada are conducting the Surprise Check in their office**. During the Surprise Check, the ACB officials asked Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division about fake ACB phone calls. Then Sri K. Venkateswara Rao stated during the Surprise Check Proceedings about his receiving fake phone calls in the name of an ACB Official. He came to know that Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Division deposited some amount in the fake ACB official's bank account at Gudivada through Ambati Krishna Chaitanya, Sr. Asst. Personal Cash Register and office Attendance Register maintenance responsibility is the then Divisional Manager, Chilaka Padmaraju. The ACB officials examined him etc. facts.

3) **Statement of Sri M.V.S. Satyanarayana Raju, S/o MV Rama Raju, Age 59 yrs, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division and I/c District RWS Engineer, Krishna District Machilipatnam.**

On examination, he stated that he has been working as a District RWS & S Engineer Krishna Dist, Machilipatnam from 17.08.2022. The Government servant Sri Karna Venkateswara Rao previously worked as an Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, and retired on 30.06.2021. He came to know that on 08.09.2020 at about 11.45 hrs, ACB Officials, Vijayawada conducted a Surprise Check on the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division. During the Surprise Check, ACB officials asked about the fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, the then Executive Engineer, RWS & S Department, Gudivada Division, then Sri K. Venkateswara Rao stated about his receiving fake phone calls in the name of an ACB Official. He also came to

know that K. Venkateswara Rao, the then EE neither informed the superior officers of RWS & S nor complained to any others regarding the fake ACB calls and about the giving of money by him to the fake ACB officials to avoid an enquiry. **On questioning by the ACB officials about who is responsible for not maintaining the "Personal Cash Register" and not proper maintenance of the office "Attendance Register" which were observed during the Surprise Check, Dt. 08.09.2020, he replied that the then Divisional Accounts Officer is responsible for the above lapses.** On the request of the DSP, ACB, he identified the following records as attested copies of the Technical Sanction Register, Agreement Register, Tender Register, Measurement Book Issue Register, works Administrative Sanction Register of RWS &S Gudivada Division which were provided to the ACB officials by the then Divisional Accounts Officer at the time Surprise Check, Dt. 08.09.2020. He further stated that the maintenance of the "Check Measurement Register" is the responsibility of the Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division. Then DSP, ACB asked him about by whom the following registers are being maintained, he stated the details are as follows;

a) **Technical Sanction Register:** It is being maintained from 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-2020 wherein 3 Nos. of the works mentioned in SL 40,41,43 had not been signed by the Executive Engineer. The Register was updated till December 2019 only. No entries for the year 2020. **It was not maintained properly by the then Technical Officer Sri A.Srinivasarao.**

b) **Agreement Register:** The dated initials of the Executive Engineer in the Register had not been obtained from January 2020 to till date. At page 94 & 95, SL. 52, 57 the time and date fixed for completion of works was not mentioned. **It was not maintained properly by the then Technical Officer Sri A. Srinivasarao.**

c) **Tender Register:** e-Tender Register is being operated by the case worker of the then Division i.e Technical Officer Sri A. Srinivasarao with **the** assistance of the Typist/ DEO. The finalization of tenders shall be put up to the Executive Engineer duly submitting a comparative statement and note file. After every month the details of opened tenders shall be recorded in the Register. But he failed to record all the columns in the Tenders Register and did not take up the dated initials of the EE in Column No. 5 which shows the Tender acceptance was not recorded in the entitle Register. It was not maintained properly by the then Technical Officer, Sri A. Srinivasarao.

d) **Measurement Book Issue Register:** In the Register opening balance and closing balance is not mentioned. The entries were updated up to November 2019 only. Not to mention the Sl. Nos. of M-Books which they have issued to various Sub-Divisions. It was not maintained properly by the then B-2 Jr. Asst. K.Kanaka Durga.

e) **Works Administrative Sanction Register:** The works sanctioned by the Dist. Collector, Krishna dist, Chief Executive Engineer, Zilla Parishat, Krishna under different grants like Chief Minister Development fund, ZP funds, etc should be recorded in the Register. But Asst. Technical Officer T. Vara Lakshmi had to take dated initials from the Executive Engineer which it was failed and registered the works and SL number-wise. It was not maintained properly by the then Asst. Technical officer (ATO), T.Vara Lakshmi.

f) **Check Measurement Register:** Completely **not maintained by the then Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division Sri K. Venkateswara Rao.**

g) **Attendance Register:** not maintained properly.

As per the Lr. No. A1/ ACB/ Service Particulars /2020 Dt. 3.10.2020 of the EE, RWS & S Division Gudivada and as per the Andhra Pradesh Public Works Accounts Code vide Para No.88 to 93, 311, and 539, the following are the duties and responsibilities of the Govt. Servant Sri Ch. Padmaraju, Divisional Accounts officer.

- Internal Checker charges with the responsibility of applying certain preliminary checks to vouchers, initial accounts, etc.
- Financial Assistant and Advisor to the Executive Engineer, in all matters relating to accounts and Budget matters, and operation financial rules generally.
- Has to conduct test checks of tender comparative statements, as representative of the Finance Department.
- Has to review the measurement books.
- Has to ensure provisions in the estimates as per rules in respect of those sanctioned at the division level.
- Has to ensure conditions in the agreements conform with the rules in respect of those concluded at the division level.
- Has to inspect the accounts of the Sub-Divisional Offices annually.
- **Manager of the official establishment of a divisional office, though his position is analogous to that of a sub-divisional officer.**

  Has to maintain the initial accounts in the division

Thus the Government Servant **failed to "supervise his staff" resulting in improper maintenance of office records.**

The Government Servant Sri Ch. Padma Raju by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated/ contravened Rule 3 (1), 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant Sri Ch. Padma Raju, the then Divisional Accounts officer rendered himself liable for Departmental action for a major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

The following documentary evidence is available on record.

1.	**Surprise Check Proceedings** conducted on 08.09.2020 at O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division.	It was drafted by the independent official mediators and shows the facts that were taken place during the Surprise Check and seizure of registers and documents at the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division.
2.	**Technical Sanction Register:**	On perusal, the Register is being maintained from 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-2020 wherein 3 No. of works mentioned in SL 40,41,43 had not been signed by the Executive Engineer. The Register was updated till December 2019 only. No entries for the year 2020. It was not maintained properly by the then Technical Officer, Sri A. Srinivasa Rao.
3.	**Agreement Register:**	On perusal, the Register, the dated initials of Executive Engineer in the Register had not been obtained from January 2020 to till date. On page Nos. 94 & 95, Sl. No. 52, 57 the time and date fixed for completion of works was not mentioned. It was not maintained properly by the then Technical Officer Sri A. Srinivasa Rao.
4.	**Tender Register:**	On perusal, the Register, E-Tender Register is being operated by the case worker of the then Division i.e Technical Officer Sri A. Srinivasa Rao with **the** assistance of the Typist / DEO. The finalization of tenders shall be put up to the Executive Engineer duly submitting a comparative Statement and note file. After every month the details of opened Tenders shall be recorded in the Register. But, he failed to record all the columns in the Tenders Register and did not take the updated initials of the EE in Column No. 5 which shows the Tender acceptance was not recorded in the entitle Register. It was not maintained properly by the then Technical Officer Sri A. Srinivasa Rao.
5.	**Measurement Book Issue Register:**	On perusal of the Register, opening balance, and closing balance are not mentioned in the Register. The

		entries were updated up to November 2019 only. Not mentioned the Sl. Nos. of M-Books which they have issued to various Sub-Divisions. It was not maintained properly by the then B-2 Jr. Asst. K. Kanaka Durga.
6.	**Works Administrative Sanction Register:**	On perusal of the register, the works sanctioned by the Dist. Collector, Krishna dist, Chief executive Engineer, Zilla Parishad Krishna under different grants like Chief Minister Development Fund, ZP Funds, etc should be recorded in the Register. But Asst. Technical Officer T. Vara Lakshmi had to take dated initials from the Executive Engineer which it was failed and Registered the works date-wise and SL number-wise. It was not maintained properly by the then Asst. Technical Officer (ATO), T.Vara Lakshmi.
7.	Signed Statement of Sri M.V.S. Satyanarayana Raju, S/o MV.Rama Raju, Age 59 yrs, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division and I/c District RWS Engineer, Krishna District Machilipatnam.	**It discloses about the Surprise Check conducted by ACB officials on 08.09.2020 and the other things that happened in O/o EE, RWS Division, Gudivada, Explains who is responsible for which records in the office and lapses in the said office records and discloses the annual inspections etc. facts.**
8.	Signed statement of Smt Uchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, Age 55 yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division,	It shows that on 08.09.2020, while she was working in her seat, at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials came to their Executive Engineers' office and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, conducted searches in their office and seized some documents etc. facts
9.	Signed statement of Sri Maganti Satyanarayana Rao, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, Age 50 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o Sumalatha Mansion, behind Eenadu Office, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9441364976	It shows that on 08.09.2020 at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials conducted Surprise check in their Executive office and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, conducted searches in their office and seized some documents, he came to know that Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, EE, paid some amount in the fake ACB official's etc. facts.
10.	Lr. No. A1/ ACB/ Service Particulars /2020 Dt. 3.10.2020 of the EE, RWS & S Divison Gudivada & enclosure	**It discloses the following are the Job chart** of the officials/ Divisional Accounts officer O/o EE, RWS & S Divison Gudivada

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		As per the Andhra Pradesh Public Works Accounts Code vide Para No.88 to 93, 311, and 539, the following are the duties and responsibilities. ➢ Internal Checker charges with the responsibility of applying certain preliminary checks to vouchers, initial accounts, etc. ➢ Financial Assistant and Advisor to the Executive Engineer, in all matters relating to accounts and Budget matters, and operation financial rules generally. ➢ Has to conduct test checks of tender comparative statements, as representative of Finance Department. ➢ Has to review the measurement books. ➢ Has to ensure provisions in the estimates as per rules in respect of those sanctioned at the division level. ➢ Has to ensure conditions in the agreements are in conformity with the rules in respect of those concluded at the division level. ➢ Has to inspect the accounts of the Sub-Divisional Offices annually. ➢ Manager of the office establishment of a divisional office, though his position is analogous to that of a sub-divisional officer. ➢ Has to maintain the initial accounts in the division

any documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - IV

The following oral evidence is available on record.

S.No.	Name, and address of the witnesses	Gist of the evidence
1)	**Sri Boyina Krishna Mohan** S/o Gangadhara Rao, 40 Yrs, Asst Audit Officer (State Audit), NTR Health University, Vijayawada, R/o Plot No.6, upstairs, Vishnupuram colony, Poranki, Penamaluru (M), cell. 9502551417, **(Mediator-I).**	They speak about their presence as mediators and the things that happened during the Surprise Check in the O/o RWS & S, Gudivada Division, Krishna Dist, i.e., on 08.09.2020 etc. facts.
2)	**Sri Arekapudi Sreenivas Babu** S/o Sree Ramachandra Rao, 55 Yrs, Senior Auditor, O/o Asst. Audit Officer, State Audit, 3rd floor, AMC Complex, Governorpet, Vijayawada, R/o D.No.57-13-15, NEW P&T Colony, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9848378805, **(Mediator-II).**	
3)	Sri Uchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, Age 55 yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, R/o 1-112/21, 1st Floor, Suvarna Enclave, Indane Gas Street, Gudivada Town.	She speaks that on 08.09.2020, while she was working in her seat, at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials came to their Executive Engineers' office and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, conducted searches in their office and seized some documents etc. facts
4)	Sri Maganti Satyanarayana Rao, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, Age 50 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o Sumalatha Mansion, behind Eenadu Office, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9441364976	He corroborates LW.3
5)	Sri M.V.S. Satyanarayana Raju, S/o MV.Rama Raju, Age 59 yrs, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division and I/c District	He speaks **about the Surprise Check conducted by ACB officials on 08.09.2020** and the **other things that happened in O/o EE, RWS Division, Gudivada, Explains who is responsible for which records in the**

	RWS Engineer, Krishna District Machilipatnam.	**in the office and lapses in the said office records and discloses the annual inspections** etc. facts.
6)	Sri K. Happy Krupavandanam, Inspector-I, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada	To speak to the facts about Surprise Check dated. 08.09.2020.
7)	Sri B.Srinivas, Dy. Supdt. of Police, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	To speak to the facts about Surprise Check dated. 08.09.2020
8)	Sri P. Sarath Babu, Dy. Supdt. of Police, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	To speak to the facts about Surprise Check dated. 08.09.2020 and submitting Surprise Check Report and DACs to HO, etc., facts.

If any witness is found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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